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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2004, for which the deadline for response was October 12, 2004, and for which Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, thus extending the deadline to January 12, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Art Unit: 1644 <u>AMENDMENT</u>

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